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ELLSWORTH AFB, S.D. – During this year's Dakota Thunder Open House and Airshow, the public will have the unique opportunity to view the Air Force's newest fighter aircraft up close. The F-22 Raptor, along with other static aircraft, is scheduled to be on display both May 30 and 31 from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.

The F-22's combination of stealth, supercruise, maneuverability and integrated avionics represents an exponential leap in warfighting capabilities. The Raptor performs both air-to-air and air-to-ground missions.

Additionally, the F-22 Raptor features a combination of sensor capabilities, integrated avionics, situational awareness and weapons, providing a first-look, first-shot and first-kill opportunity against threats. More information on the F-22 Raptor can be found online at:

www.af.mil/factsheets/factsheet.asp?id=199.

The installation gates are scheduled to open to the general public each day of the airshow beginning at 8 a.m. and close at 5 p.m. Admission and parking are free. For additional information on Dakota Thunder 2009, go online to www.ellsworth.af.mil or call the 28th Bomb Wing Public Affairs office at (605) 385-5056.